

Policy 1.2.2 Transportation Impact Mitigation

POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to assist in the implementation of policies contained in the Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan. It is based on recognition that those developments creating impacts should bear a proportionate burden of the costs of those impacts. The policy is designed to assist in the financing of needed traffic improvements. It is also designed to encourage alternative modes of transportation thereby reducing air pollution and encouraging energy conservation.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the City to provide adequate transportation facilities and encourage alternative modes of transportation to reduce air pollution and conserve energy. Further, it is the policy that those creating negative impacts on the transportation system should pay an equitable amount of the cost of providing those facilities. Therefore, transportation impact mitigation measures shall be assessed equitably against all types of new development projects, including residential. The type of mitigation assessment shall be directly related to and in proportion to the impact attributable to any given project. Mitigation measures may include:

- Street dedication and improvements
- Installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks
- Street lights
- Street trees and landscaping
- Acceleration and deceleration lanes
- Traffic signals
- Intersection improvements
- Bus stops and turnouts
- Preferential parking for car pools and van pools
- Bicycle lockers

Each project shall be reviewed by staff to determine the likely impacts from that project and the assessment shall be based upon an analysis of the transportation impacts that can be attributable to that project.

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